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Letter dated 10 May 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to inform you that, on 9 May 2018, the Saudi Air Defence Forces intercepted two Houthi ballistic missiles launched from inside Yemeni territory (Amran Governorate), targeting densely populated civilian areas in the capital city of Riyadh.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia condemns in the strongest terms the continuation of the Houthi militias' indiscriminate terrorist ballistic missile attacks. Furthermore, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia notes with regret that the Security Council's inaction in the face of blatant violations of its resolutions, in particular the arms embargoes established pursuant to its resolutions 2216 (2015) and 2231 (2015), has allowed Iran to furnish the Houthi terrorist militias with large and growing stockpiles of ballistic missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles and sea mines. The Houthis have used, and will continue to use, these illegally obtained weapons to threaten the regional stability of the Middle East and the safety of maritime navigation in the Red Sea and the Bab al-Mandab Strait.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia calls for the full implementation of all relevant Security Council resolutions in order to prevent the smuggling of additional weapons to the Houthis and to hold violators of the arms embargo accountable. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia furthermore calls for the Security Council to take urgent measures to address the stockpile of Houthi weapons and to disarm this terrorist militia in order to prevent the escalation of these attacks, which raise regional tensions and raise the risks of a broader regional confrontation.

My delegation requests that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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